

4.6 RECREATION

4.6.1 EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

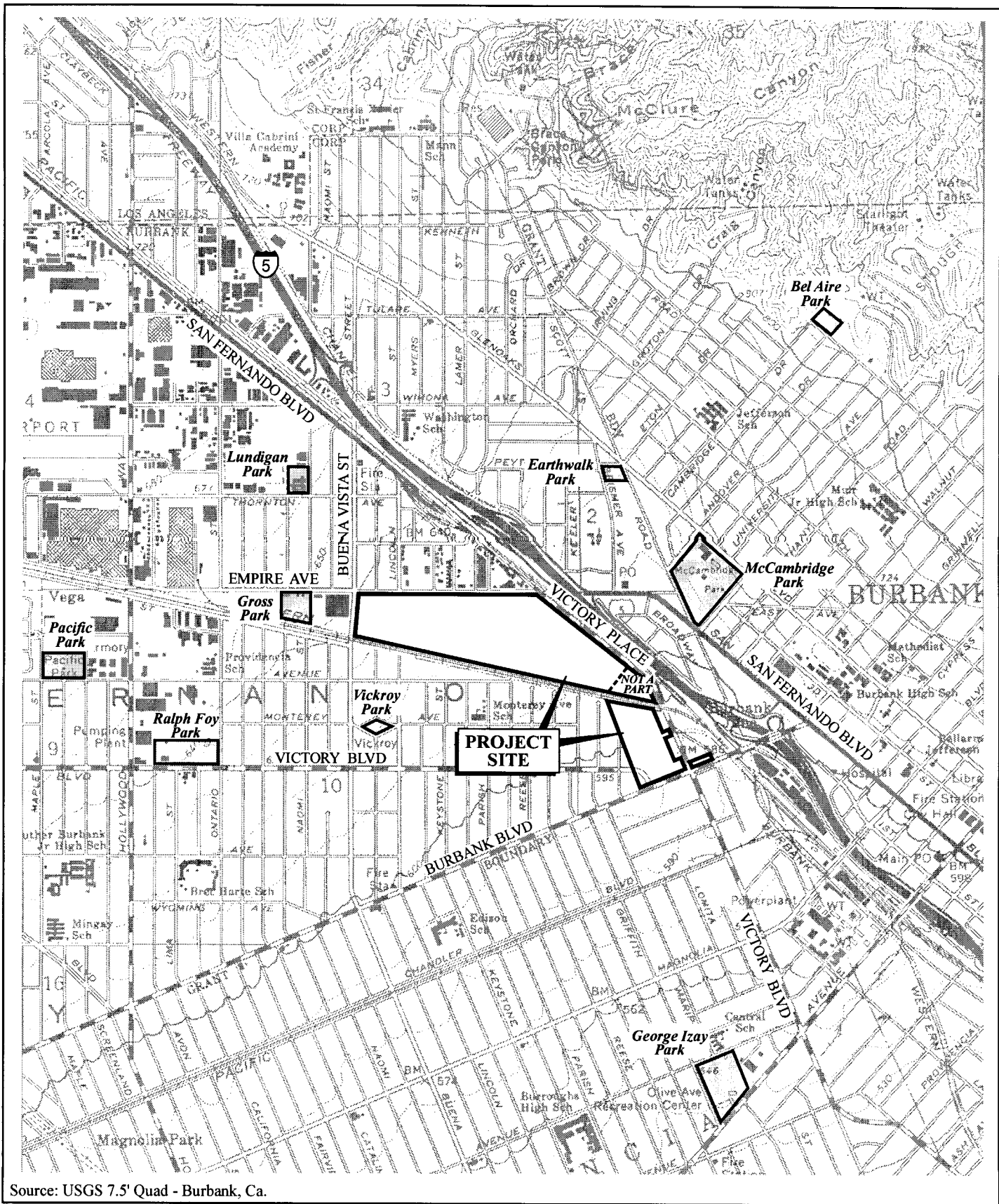
The City of Burbank Parks and Recreation Department operates and maintains all municipal parks and recreation facilities. There are approximately 141 acres of land dedicated to public park usage and approximately 2,207 acres of undeveloped parkland, including 1,610 acres of undeveloped hillside open space.¹ The City of Burbank Parks and Recreation Department currently operates and maintains 22 public parks, a golf course, and public landscape and parkway areas. Facilities and programs also include recreation and adult centers, senior citizen transportation, nutrition and social service programs, pools, play lots, recreation and sports programs, and a cultural arts facility and associated programs. In addition, 100 acres of land within the Verdugo Mountains have been designated as public park. The City of Burbank Land Use Element has a goal of preserving land currently used for public parks and open space facilities, and providing additional outdoor recreational opportunities wherever possible.

Parks

There are nine operating parks within a one mile radius of the center of the proposed project site. Figure 4.6.1 depicts each park in relationship to the site. The parks within the area are as follows:

- C **Ralph Foy Park** - playground equipment, ballfields, picnic area, and restroom facility.
- C **Robert E. Lundigan Park** - playground equipment, lighted basketball courts, small picnic area, and restroom facility.
- C **McCambridge Park** - two ballfields, eight tennis courts, a recreation center with a gymnasium, employee facilities, and restroom facilities.
- C **Bel Aire Park** - ballfields and portable toilet facility.
- C **Gross Park** - playground equipment, lighted ballfields, lighted tennis courts, picnic area, meeting hall, and restroom facility.
- C **Permanent Charities Earth Park** - lighted playground equipment.
- C **Vickroy Park** - Playground equipment, lighted basketball courts, picnic area, horseshoe pits, and restroom facility.
- C **Pacific Park** - playground equipment, lighted ballfields, lighted basketball courts, lighted tennis courts, picnic area, and restroom facility.
- C **George Izay Park** - playground equipment, lighted ballfields, lighted basketball courts, lighted tennis courts, picnic area, horseshoe pits, adult center, handball courts, Creative Arts Center, Burbank Little Theater, and restroom facilities.

¹ City of Burbank. Lockheed B-1 Site Draft Environmental Impact Report. July 11, 1994.



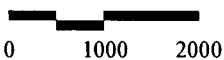
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Figure 4.6.1



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Scale in Feet



Surrounding Parks

The Cumulative Fee Impact Report dated March, 1997, discusses the fees to be paid for Park Facilities Development. The City of Burbank requires fees be paid for residential projects only. Since the proposed project does not include residential uses, such fees do not apply. This fee would be collected for any new residential unit constructed in the City, as a result of additional employees moving into Burbank as a result of the project. For non-residential projects, the City of Burbank Community Development Department assesses a community facilities fee for non-residential development, and funds from this fee may be applied to park and recreation facilities. The community facilities fee is \$0.49 per square of industrial development, and \$1.05 per square foot of office development. Demolition credits are given to projects. Based on the square footage of the demolished Lockheed Martin plant, no fees will be collected for the proposed Burbank Empire Center.

Art in Public Places Program

The Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for implementation of the City's Art in Public Places Program (Ordinance No. 3290), in effect since November 16, 1993.¹ The Ordinance requires that new large-scale development projects with a building valuation of more than \$500,000 include public art project(s), or pay an in lieu fee. The fee is calculated as one percent of the total project cost for the first \$15 million dollars; three-quarters of one percent of the total project cost for that portion between \$15 million and \$25 million dollars, and one-half of one percent of the total project cost for that portion equal to or in excess of \$25 million dollars, provided that the fee does not exceed \$329,919.

Art projects can include: sculpture; murals; earthworks; standardized fixtures; decorative, ornamental, or functional building elements; directional elements; and extraordinary landscape. The art project shall be scaled in a size that is proportional to the size of the development project. The art project shall be located on site with at least 50 percent of the maximum allocation visible to both pedestrians and motorists.

4.6.2 THRESHOLD OF SIGNIFICANCE CRITERIA

An impact shall be considered significant if it results in the following:

- C Demands on the Parks and Recreation Department's services and facilities beyond their capacity leading to a substantial physical impact on recreation sites and human safety.

¹ City of Burbank. Cumulative Fee Impact Study. March 1997.

4.6.3 IMPACTS - DEVELOPMENT OPTION A

Less than Significant Impacts

The City's Art in Public Places Program requires that large-scale development include public art project(s) or pay an in lieu fee. The project fulfills this requirement by providing a major project entry designed with a series of aero-related facades and a plaza at the project's western terminus, which will satisfy the art in public places ordinance requirements. Adopted criteria of the program specify that art projects are to be designed/created by professional artists who have documented resumes, detailed training, schooling, and exhibits of similar works.¹

The proposed project includes the required art projects as specified in the City's ordinances; therefore, no impact is anticipated.

Significant Impacts

Development Option A is anticipated to employ 4,563 people. The employee population generated by Option A would potentially utilize area parks for lunchtime and after-hours sports and activities. The additional employees generated by the project would increase demands upon Parks and Recreation Department services and facilities. In addition, families and friends who visit these employees would possibly also use surrounding parks and recreation services. The neighboring parks may require additional staff hours by the Park and Recreation Department to maintain the facilities due to increased use.

The proposed project will not include development fees normally paid to the City General Fund, due to demolition credits allowed by the City's fee ordinance. These fees, in conjunction with expected sales and property tax revenues, usually offset any additional expenses incurred by the Parks and Recreation Department related to funding site improvements in response to increased demand by new development on the site.

Fees would normally reduce the potentially significant impact on Parks and Recreation Department services and facilities to below a level of significance. However, in this case, because fees are not collected, there is the potential that park and recreation services will be negatively affected by new and substantial demands for service from project employees and their families and visitors. Implementation of Mitigation Measure 6.1 is included to offset significant impacts to park and recreation services.

4.6.4 MITIGATION MEASURES - DEVELOPMENT OPTION A

- 6.1 The developer shall provide an enclosed bicycle storage facility for 16 bicycles and an active or a passive outdoor open space/recreational area with seating and limited tables; the area shall be no less than one percent of the total area devoted to office and hotel uses, subject to the approval of the Director, Community

¹ Memorandum from Ms. Mary J. Alvord, Parks and Recreation Director, City of Burbank, Parks and Recreation Department, July 14, 1999.

Development. These facilities shall be provided free of charge to all office and hotel employees.

4.6.5 CUMULATIVE IMPACTS - DEVELOPMENT OPTION A

The combination of Development Option A and the cumulative development in the City would increase demand upon the Parks and Recreation Department's services and facilities by additional project employees using parks for lunch and after-hours sports. Park facilities development impact and other general development fees collected by the City would mitigate these impacts for those projects; a demolition credit does not reduce the impact. Because park fees are collected for all new residential construction and demolition credits for the community services fee program will offset some impacts of the new non-residential projects, many of the cumulative impacts will be avoided. Therefore, no significant cumulative impact associated with Development Option A is anticipated to the City's parks and recreation facilities.

Development Option A, as well as all other projects within the City of Burbank, will be developed in compliance with the City's Art in Public Places Program. For this reason, no cumulative impact is anticipated.

4.6.6 LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE AFTER MITIGATION - DEVELOPMENT OPTION A

Design and construction of Development Option A in compliance with the existing municipal code requirements will negate any potential impact by the project. Implementation of Mitigation Measure 6.1 will offset any impact to the Parks and Recreation Department. Therefore, no significant, unavoidable adverse impacts are anticipated with Development Option A.

4.6.7 IMPACTS - DEVELOPMENT OPTION D1-A

Less than Significant Impacts

Similar to Development Option A, Development Option D1-A would also be required to comply with the City's Art in Public Places Program. The project fulfills this requirement by providing a major project entry designed with a series of aero-related facades and a plaza at the project's western terminus, which will satisfy the art in public places ordinance requirements. Adopted criteria of the program specify that art projects are to be designed/created by professional artists who have documented resumes, detailed training, schooling, and exhibits of similar works.¹

Development Option D1-A includes the required art projects as specified in the City's ordinances; therefore, no impact is anticipated.

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Significant Impacts

The impacts for Development Option D1-A would be similar to those for Development Option A. Although Option D1-A would employ 3,460 people, 1,103 fewer than Option A, the effect on surrounding recreational facilities and the Parks and Recreation Department would be similar, if not marginally reduced. The decrease in persons employed would not result in a substantial change in effect on recreational facilities.

4.6.8 MITIGATION MEASURES - DEVELOPMENT OPTION D1-A

Mitigation Measure 6.1 identified for Development Option A would be applicable to Option D1-A.

4.6.9 CUMULATIVE IMPACTS - DEVELOPMENT OPTION D1-A

The combination of Development Option D1-A and the cumulative development in the City would slightly increase demands upon Citywide Parks and Recreation Department's services and facilities by additional project employees using parks for lunch and after-hours sports. Park facilities development fees and other general development fees collected by the City would mitigate these impacts for those projects; a demolition credit does not reduce the fee. Because park fees are collected for all new residential construction and demolition credits for the community services fee program will offset some impacts of the new non-residential projects, many of the cumulative impacts will be avoided. Therefore, no significant cumulative impacts associated with Development Option D1-A are anticipated to the City's parks and recreation facilities.

Development Option D1-A, as well as all other projects within the City of Burbank, will be developed in compliance with the City's Art in Public Places Program. For this reason, no cumulative impact is anticipated.

4.6.10 LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE AFTER MITIGATION - DEVELOPMENT OPTION D1-A

Design and construction of Development Option D1-A, in compliance with the existing municipal code requirements, will negate any potential impact by the project. Implementation of Mitigation Measure 6.1 will offset any impact to the Parks and Recreation Department. Therefore, similar to Development Option A, no significant, unavoidable adverse impacts are anticipated with Development Option D1-A.

4.6.11 IMPACTS - DEVELOPMENT OPTION D1-B

Less than Significant Impacts

Similar to Development Option A, Development Option D1-B would also be required to comply with the City's Art in Public Places Program. The project fulfills this requirement by providing a major project entry designed with a series of aero-related facades and a plaza at the project's western terminus, which will satisfy the art in public places ordinance requirements. Adopted criteria of the program specify that art projects are to be designed/created by professional artists who have documented resumes, detailed training, schooling, installation and exhibits of similar works.¹

Development Option D1-B includes the required art projects as specified in the City's ordinances; therefore, no impact is anticipated.

Significant Impacts

The impacts for Development Option D1-B would be similar to those for Development Option A. Although Option D1-B would employ 2,220 people, 2,343 fewer than Option A, the effect on surrounding recreational facilities and the Parks and Recreation Department would be similar. The decrease in employed persons would not result in a substantial change in effect on recreational facilities.

4.6.12 MITIGATION MEASURES - DEVELOPMENT OPTION D1-B

Mitigation Measure 6.1 identified for Development Option A would be applicable to Option D1-B.

4.6.13 CUMULATIVE IMPACTS - DEVELOPMENT OPTION D1-B

The combination of Development Option D1-B and the cumulative development in the City would slightly increase demands upon the Parks and Recreation Department's services and facilities by additional project employees using parks for lunch and after-hours sports. Park facilities development fees and other general development fees collected by the City would mitigate these impacts for those projects; a demolition credit does not reduce the fee. Because park fees are collected for all new residential construction and demolition credits for the community services fee program will offset some impacts of the new non-residential projects, many of the cumulative impacts will be avoided. Therefore, no significant cumulative impacts associated with Development Option D1-B are anticipated to the City's parks and recreation facilities.

Development Option D1-B, as well as all other projects within the City of Burbank, will be developed in compliance with the City's Art in Public Places Program. For this reason, no cumulative impact is anticipated.

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4.6.14 LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE AFTER MITIGATION - DEVELOPMENT OPTION D1-B

Design and construction of Development Option D1-B in compliance with the existing municipal code requirements will negate any potential impact by the project. Implementation of Mitigation Measure 6.1 will offset any impact to the Parks and Recreation Department. Therefore, similar to Development Option A, no significant, unavoidable adverse impacts are anticipated with Development Option D1-B.

4.6.15 IMPACTS - DEVELOPMENT OPTION D1-C

Less than Significant Impacts

Similar to Development Option A, Development Option D1-C would also be required to comply with the City's Art in Public Places Program. The project fulfills this requirement by providing a major project entry designed with a series of aero-related facades and a plaza at the project's western terminus, which will satisfy the art in public places ordinance requirements. Adopted criteria of the program specify that art projects are to be designed/created by professional artists who have documented resumes, detailed training, schooling, installation and exhibits of similar works.¹

Development Option D1-C project includes the required art projects as specified in the City's ordinances; therefore, no impact is anticipated.

Significant Impacts

The impacts for Development Option D1-C would be similar to those for Development Option A. Although Option D1-C would employ 3,307 people, the effect on surrounding recreational facilities and the Parks and Recreation Department would be similar. The decrease in employed persons would not result in a substantial change in effect on recreational facilities.

4.6.16 MITIGATION MEASURES - DEVELOPMENT OPTION D1-C

Mitigation Measure 6.1 identified for Development Option A would be applicable to Option D1-C.

4.6.17 CUMULATIVE IMPACTS - DEVELOPMENT OPTION D1-C

The combination of Development Option D1-C and the cumulative development in the City would slightly increase demands upon the Parks and Recreation Department's services and facilities by additional project employees using parks for lunch and after-hours sports. Park Facilities Development and other general development fees collected

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by the City would mitigate these impacts in whole. Therefore, no significant cumulative impacts associated with Development Option D1-C are anticipated to the City's parks and recreation facilities.

Development Option D1-C, as well as all other projects within the City of Burbank, will be developed in compliance with the City's Art in Public Places Program. For this reason, no cumulative impact is anticipated.

4.6.18 LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE AFTER MITIGATION - DEVELOPMENT OPTION D1-C

Design and construction of Development Option D1-C in compliance with the existing municipal code requirements will negate any potential impact by the project. Implementation of Mitigation Measure 6.1 will offset any impact to the Parks and Recreation Department. Therefore, similar to Development Option A, no significant, unavoidable adverse impacts are anticipated with Development Option D1-C.